

(b) whether inconvenience is caused to passengers due to its present condition; and

(c) whether any estimate has been prepared for its reconstruction?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (a) The bridge is fit for light traffic.

(b) Yes, a little, on account of the unloading of heavily laden buses.

(c) An estimate is under preparation by the P. W. D.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : May I know from the Chief Engineer whether much damage has been caused to the bridge by a motor boat striking against the pillar?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Not within recent times. Some damage occurred some time back and it has since been repaired.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : May I know whether any compensation has been realised from the Company on this account?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : I claim notice.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (Nominated) : May I know whether this bridge was unfit for use during the last few years?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : It was never unfit.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR : ഈ പാലം ലൈറ്റ് ഓഫീക്കിനാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. അതു ഏതു വിധത്തിലുള്ള വാഹനങ്ങളാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : There is a notification near the bridge saying that heavy loaded buses should travel on the bridge unloaded. The maximum weight that can be borne by the bridge is about one and a half tons.

Irrigation works.

46. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW (Tiruvalla) :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount budgeted for irrigation works in the State in each of the years 1117, 1118 and 1119;

(b) the expenditure on irrigation works in each of these years;

(c) the works undertaken in Tiruvalla taluk in each of these years; and

(d) if any allotment for any work had lapsed the reasons for the lapse?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (a) Rs. 2,38,200, Rs. 3,00,000 and Rs. 3,00,000 for 1117, 1118 and 1119 respectively.

(b) Rs. 1,27,569 for 1117 and Rs. 1,21,593 for 1118. The expenditure for 1119 cannot be furnished now.

(c) A *list is placed on the table.

*Vide Appendix I pages 151-152.

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(d) Full amounts allotted could not be spent as several works were not taken up due to delay in acquisition of lands and to the short working period available for carrying out irrigation works after going through the formalities required according to the Irrigation Act.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there is a sum remaining unspent for the year 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether the schemes which the Government had in contemplation for the years 1117 and 1118 have now been completed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are in various stages of progress.

Encroachments on Irrigation canals.

47. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that encroachments on irrigation canals and reservoirs have seriously handicapped paddy cultivation in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(b) whether they will take measures for the immediate restoration of such porambores in the interests of efficient cultivation of paddy, and sanction additional revenue staff in view of the urgency of the need?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No serious handicap to paddy cultivation due to encroachment has been felt.

(b) Steps are being taken for the restoration of porambores as and when encroachments are detected. The necessity for additional staff for attending to this item of work has not been felt so far.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any steps have been taken to know the extent or the seriousness of the handicap caused?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): Porambores are being taken against encroachers not merely on irrigation channels but on all kinds of sirkar lands and eviction is being effected as expeditiously as possible, in due course of law.

Tiruvalla Market Canal.

48. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of Tiruvalla Market Canal commenced;

(b) the amount of money so far expended on it;

(c) the extent of work done so far;

(d) why the canal has not yet been completed; and

(e) whether the Government are aware that more deepening and widening of the canal are necessary to make it navigable?

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 46.

List of works undertaken in Tiruvalla taluk. in 1117.

1. Opening Kuttapuzha canal in Tiruvalla taluk.
2. Repairing rain damages of Ayroor Valiathodu in Ayroor pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
3. Improvements to thodus in Kizakkumbhagam and Kadapra pakuthies, Tiruvalla taluk.
4. Providing drainage channel to Komankulangara punja in Venmoney pakuthy, Tiruvalla taluk.
5. Constructing a submersible weir across the thodu from Otherapally Aur to Kannampalli padom in Ala pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
6. Improvements to Polachira in Pandalam Vadakkekara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
7. Clearing Kozhithodu canal in Aranmula pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
8. Improvements to Raman chira in Pandalam Vadakkekara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
9. Improvements to tanks and thodus in Tiruvalla taluk—Improvements to Kunnatta chira and constructing a cross bar across the thodu from Pallamichal in Ala pakuthi.
10. Improvements to tanks and thodus in Tiruvalla taluk—Man-keri thodu in Ala pakuthi.
11. Improvements to Ettuparathodu in Kaviyur pakuthi—Tiruvalla taluk.
12. Deepening and widening the silted up portions of Manimala and Pamba rivers Thalavady branch.
13. Constructing a 2' dia. pipe culvert on the eastern side of Jacobite church at Karakal in Peringara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
14. Improvements to Polachira in Kaviyur (Tiruvalla).
15. Deepening and improving the Moozhichal Illimala thodu—Investigation for 3/4.
16. Improving the canal from Mathalakuzhi to Kollakadavu river (Mavelikara).
17. Improvements to the thodus in Chengai padam punja fields in Venmoney pakuthi—Tiruvalla taluk.
18. Improvements to the thodu from Mathalakizhichal to Kollakadavu Puliur pakuthi, —Tiruvalla.
19. Constructing a flood bank extending from the mouth of Mozhichal thodu to the eastern side of the south abutment of Erapuzha bridge—Investigation for.

1118.

1. Opening an irrigation channel to feed high level lands on the north west of Pannivelichira in Mallapuzhasseri pakuthi.
2. Closing breaches in the thodu leading to Kidanganoor punja in Pandalam Vadakkekara pakuthi—Tiruvalla taluk.
3. Constructing a sluice at Pattathil thodu in Thiruvannandoor pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
4. Improvements to the canal leading from Idakadavu in Pampa river to Moozhikal—Illimala canal in Pandanad pakuthi.

1119.

1. Improvements to Pachitta punja in S. No. 46/10 in Vadakkekara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
2. Opening a thodu from Valakathil chal in S. No. 6/1 A in Thottapuzhasseri pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
3. Improving Thacunadu thodu in Kavumbhagom pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
4. Provision of 3 culverts in Peringara pakuthi.
5. Improvements to Manthira thodu in Peringara pakuthi.
6. Constructing a cross bar in Chakkala chira across the newly opened drainage channel to Kamankulangara punja in Vennmoney pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.
7. Improvements to Manannamala chira in S. No. 159/1 of Aranmula pakuthi.
8. Improvements to the Irrigation facilities Dry rubble pitching the right bank of Achenkoil river near Keecheril padom in Puliyoork pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk.